National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) A Decision Making Flow Chart

Public Involvement Technical Studies² NEPA Requirements³ Early and Often¹ Scoping Share what is important to Prepare Purpose and Need Collect data you and your community. for the project. Develop draft Purpose and Comment on Purpose and Develop screening criteria Need from collected data Need of the project. and initial alternatives. and input from resources agencies and the public. **Evaluation of Alternatives** Conduct environmental and Participate in Evaluate alternatives. public meetings. engineering analysis. □Establish screening criteria based on Purpose and Learn about the Need. proposed project. ☐Analyze a reasonable range of alternatives that meet screening criteria. Participate in project ☐ Move forward alternatives work groups. for further analysis including "no-build". □ Identify a desired Give input on alternatives alternative. being considered. Prepare draft environmental document for Federal Highway Review and accept draft Administration. environmental document. Public Comment Period Review environmental document, attend hearing, Receive oral and written Conduct hearing. provide oral and written public comments. comments. Environmental Document Approval Review and respond to Review and prepare public comments. responses to public comments. Review final environmental document Prepare final environmental and issue FONSI (Finding document. of No Significant Impact) or ROD (Record of Decision). What Comes Next Make environmental Complete design, acquire View final environmental right-of-way, and construct document available to document. as funding allows. the public.

3 - Federal Highway Administration is responsible for ensuring compliance with NEPA.



^{1 -} General public provides technical assistance and input on project.

^{2 -} Idaho Transportation Department develops the NEPA document as an agent for Federal Highway Administration with input from resource agencies, regulatory agencies, local governments and MPO's.